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City of Ventura Photo Contest winners announced, public invited to attend exhibit and reception on December 4

The City of Ventura 12th Annual Photo Contest winners will be honored at an exhibit and reception in the Bridge Gallery at City Hall, 501 Poli Street, on December 4, at 5:30 pm. Following the reception, Mayor Erik Nasarenko will award certificates to contest winners in Council Chambers at 6 pm. The winning photos will be on display in City Hall, December 4 through January 31, 2018.

Seventy-two photographers submitted 240 images in three categories; Environment, Architecture, and Culture and Community. Members of the public voted online for the "People's Choice" awards and a second set of judges made up of visual arts professionals from the City of Ventura awarded "Judges' Choice" winners.

Photo Contest winners are:

Category 1- Environment
Judges' Choice- Chris Ramer
People's Choice- Hector Vargas

Category 2- Architecture
Judges' Choice- Steve Cattanach
People's Choice- Tammy Sims

Category 3- Culture and Community
Judges' Choice- Steve Cattanach
People's Choice- Jeffrey Grunigen

Judges' Choice Honorable Mentions Rip Rippey Jacqueline Counter

"The stunning and creative submissions we received this year encapsulate the natural beauty of Ventura and embrace the feeling of pride in our community," stated Nancy O'Connor, Parks, Recreation, and Community Partnerships Director.

The 2017 entries can be viewed at www.cityofventura.ca.gov/photocontest. The 2018 Photo Contest will open on February 5, 2018.

This release is available on the City of Ventura website www.cityofventura.ca.gov###